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IV. Integrated global management

1. At its 531st meeting, on 2 September 2014, the Committee considered the section of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences concerning integrated global management (see A/69/120, paras. 31-43, and supplementary information, sect. VI). The revised bulletins of the Secretary-General on the organization of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management and the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna would recognize that all four duty stations provided global conference services funded under section 2 of the programme budget. Conference service managers in Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna would report not only to their respective Director-General but also to the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management.

2. The global document management system, gDoc, had been rolled out in New York and Geneva in May 2014. The computer-assisted translation suite, gText, had been rolled out in New York and Vienna and was being launched in Geneva. The data warehouse, gData, which would allow better reporting of performance indicators, would be fully operational by the end of 2014, and all four duty stations were using gMeets to manage their meeting resources.

3. At the request of delegations, information regarding the costs of developing and maintaining the global information technology projects, the expected savings and reductions in posts, and the timeline for the launch of gText was provided in writing.

4. The sharp increase in workload sharing in New York between 2012 and 2013 had resulted from an exceptional transfer of Geneva documents for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Because all of the duty stations were struggling to complete the work allocated to them, they tended to resort to such sharing not systematically but on an ad hoc basis to meet urgent deadlines. The percentage of work shared therefore remained low.

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